
Proper Belief in al-Qadar

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Question: The poet Abul-Qasim Ash-Shaabee wrote: "If the people one day want revival, then al-Qadar (Divine Predestination) has no choice but to answer."

Answer: Shaykh al-Albaanee (rahimahullaah)¹: This is a direct form of disbelief. And it indicates that the people have gone far away from the knowledge. So they are not aware of what is permissible and what is not permissible for Allaah alone, as well as what is not permitted for those other than Him. This is due to neglectfulness – and it is from the factors that have made this poet say such a thing. And some Arab radio broadcasts have even adopted this saying as a hymn of Arab nationalism!

This poetry states: "If the people one day want revival, then Al-Qadar (Divine Predestination) has no choice but to answer." So this means that Al-Qadar is under the Will of the people! And this is in opposition to Allaah's saying:

وَمَا تَشَاءُونَ إِلَّا أَنْ يَشَاءَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَالَمِينَ

And you cannot will unless (it be) that Allaah, Lord of the worlds, wills²

O Allaah, guide us with those You have guided. And do not cause our hearts to deviate after having guided us. And grant us mercy from Yourself, indeed, You are the Grantor.

¹ (rahimahullaah) (رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ) May Allaah have mercy on him

² Soorah al-Takweer [81:29]